

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A secondary color is used for printing an image with a printer so that the granularity of the printed image, particularly the light image area, can be reduced. Data of magenta and cyan color components of image data is subjected to the under removal process to generate blue ink image data of the secondary color. In accordance with the blue ink data for replacing the magenta and cyan data, a blue ink dot is printed. It is therefore possible to reduce the granularity to be caused by localized distributions of magenta and cyan dots.

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